

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Funding history at a glance:

<u>FY 2008 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2009 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2010 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2011 Budgeted</u>	<u>FY 2012 Recommended</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>	<u>% Change</u>
\$298,461	\$387,771	\$296,602	\$281,790	\$301,647	\$19,857	7.05

Included:

1. 5.26% increase in the general fund contribution to 9 Volunteer Fire Departments and Franklin Fire & Rescue – equates to slightly more than \$1,100 each
2. An additional \$4,000 each to Sedley and Newsoms Volunteer Fire Departments for First Responder EMS

----- Prior Years -----			----- Current Year -----		--2011/2012 Budget Year----		
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032200	* VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS *						
032200-2800	VACCINATIONS	930	407	905			
032200-5110	ELECTRICAL SERVICES	5,376	5,813	4,529			
032200-5311	FIRE/RESCUE ACCIDENT/HEALTH IN	35,636	36,705	36,705	37,439	37,439	
032200-5650	CONTRIBUTIONS- FORMULA	19,500	19,500	19,500	19,500	19,500	
032200-5651	CONTRIBUTIONS - GENERAL FUND	222,450	233,572	222,450	235,000	222,450	
032200-5652	SAFETY EQUIPMENT	10,008	10,503	10,008	10,008	10,008	
032200-5653	FIRE ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTION	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
032200-5654	WFD - POLLING PLACES	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	
032200-5656	CONTRIBUTIONS-FIRST RESPONDER				8,000	8,000	
032200-5843	STATE FUNDS/FIRE PROGRAM FUNDS		78,690				
032200-6035	HAZMAT TRAILER	2,061		1,000	1,000	1,000	
032200-6040	HAAS CASUALTY TRAILER		81	750	750	750	
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3/17/2011

Southampton County
Attention: Mrs. Lynette C. Lowe
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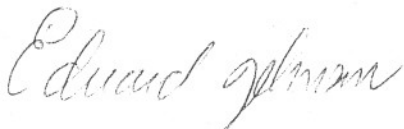
Dear Mrs. Lowe

Enclosed are our requests for the 2011/2012 budget year. We're seeking an increase in only two items, Contributions – General Fund and Operating Expenses Zone Vehicle. Actually it's not an increase; it brings us back to the FY 2008/9 budget year level. These requests are necessitated by several factors. With energy cost and manpower being the main two. We use oil to prime the pumps, power the vehicles and heat the buildings. Energy cost is also contributing to the cost of everything we purchase. We have taken a big hit with the declining economy and the closing of businesses in the area. We have lost some highly trained individuals who have moved out of our area. We've retained some but they now work out of the area and spend a considerable amount of time traveling and the use of their talents has been greatly reduced.

Our biggest dilemma is how to use the existing manpower. Do we use it for fundraising to keep and maintain the equipment or use it for training on the use of the equipment. The sudden loss of talent has and will have a long term effect. You just cannot train up to a required or desired level overnight. Fundraising is probably the least liked chore now. There's a certain amount of comradeship in fundraising but too many events takes away from that and we loose participation. The biggest factor is that people do not have the excess of funds and just cannot support our cause and further without hurting their own wellbeing. It's like the Board of Supervisors' dilemma, they want to fund all request but do not want to raise taxes.

We'd like to maintain the current level on all other line items and if there are excess funds a modest increase would be appreciated. Thank you for all your assistance and understanding.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward Johnson".



Memo

TO: Lynette Lowe
FROM: Kevin Duck
RE: 2011 Accident and Health Renewal
February 9, 2011

Lynette:

Per your request, we have contacted Hartford regarding the August renewal of your policy. While it is extremely difficult to nail down a premium this far out from the renewal, we were able to negotiate a commitment for only a 2% increase. Typically we are seeing higher increases on policies with loss ratios over 10% (yours is about 30%). Please bear in mind that we have been able to convince them to hold the premium level with no increase for the past three years.

Unfortunately, we can not do that this year. Therefore, you can budget for \$37,439.00 for the upcoming renewal. Thank you for your support of the volunteers in Southampton County.

Kevin

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